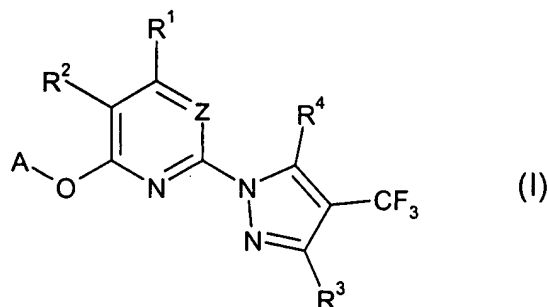


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

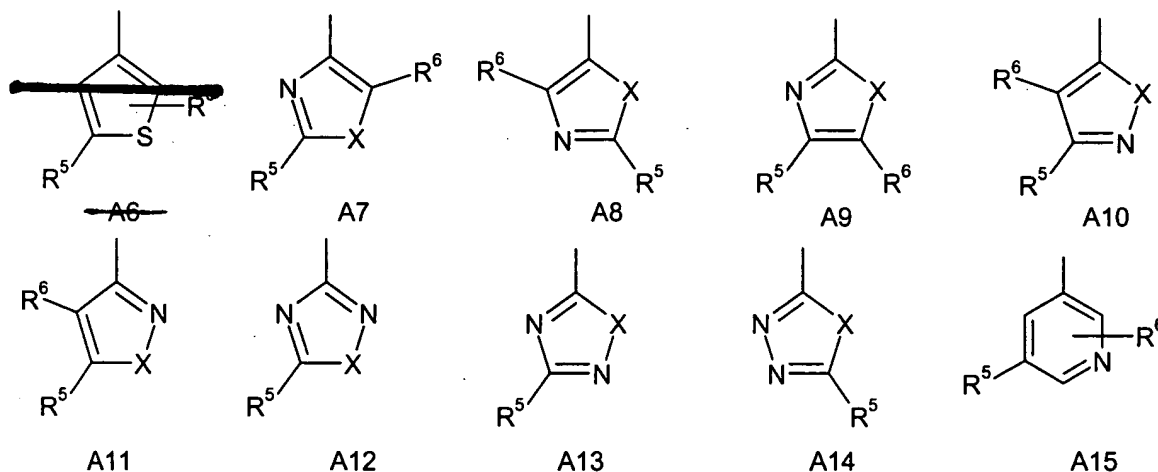
Claim 1(Currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N or CR<sup>8</sup>;

A is a radical from the group [[A6]] A7 to A15:



R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR<sup>10</sup>, COR<sup>10</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, CH<sub>2</sub>SH, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyloxy, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyloxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylthio-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylsulfonyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, NH<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>NH or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy;

R<sup>5</sup> is halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, SF<sub>5</sub>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl;

R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl;

X is oxygen or sulfur; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

Claim 2 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein Z is CR<sup>8</sup>.

Claim 3 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently are each hydrogen, halogen, methyl, methoxy or trifluoromethyl.

Claim 4 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, methoxy, methyl or ethyl, and

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, cyano, ethynyl, vinyl or formyl.

Claim 5 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently are each hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 6 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, halogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl.

Claim 7 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R<sup>5</sup> is halogen, cyano, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio.

Claim 8 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein  $R^6$  is hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 9 (Original): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (Original): A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 in a mixture with formulating auxiliaries.

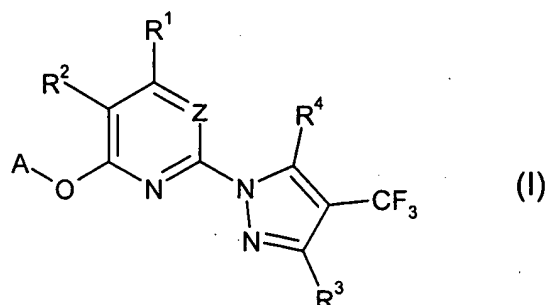
Claim 11 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the compound of the formula (I) is used to control unwanted plants in crops of useful plants.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the useful plants are transgenic.

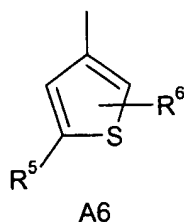
Claim 15 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



$R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR<sup>10</sup>, COR<sup>10</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, CH<sub>2</sub>SH, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyloxy, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyloxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylthio-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylsulfonyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, NH<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>NH or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino;

$R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^5$  is halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, SF<sub>5</sub>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

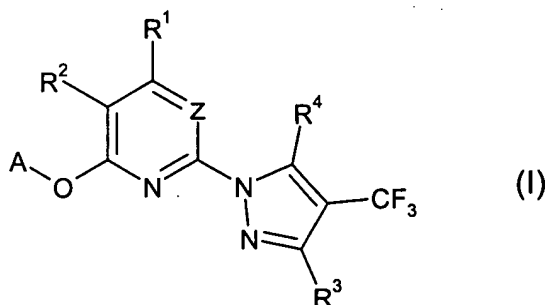
$R^8$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

$R^9$  is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl;

$R^{10}$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl; and

$n$  is 0, 1 or 2.

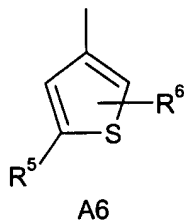
Claim 16 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



$R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR<sup>10</sup>, COR<sup>10</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, CH<sub>2</sub>SH, CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyloxy, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyloxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylthio-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylsulfonyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, NH<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>NH or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino;

$R^3$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^4$  is halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^5$  is halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, SF<sub>5</sub>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

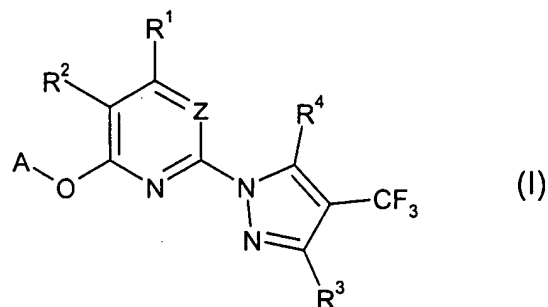
$R^8$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

$R^9$  is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl;

$R^{10}$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

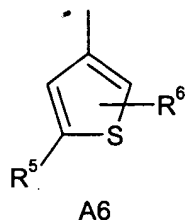
Claim 17 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



$R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH,  $\text{COOR}^{10}$ ,  $\text{COR}^{10}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyloxy, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyloxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylthio-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl,  $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^9$ , (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylsulfonyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl,  $\text{NH}_2$ , (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>NH or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino;

$R^3$  is halogen, cyano, (C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^4$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^5$  is halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, SF<sub>5</sub>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

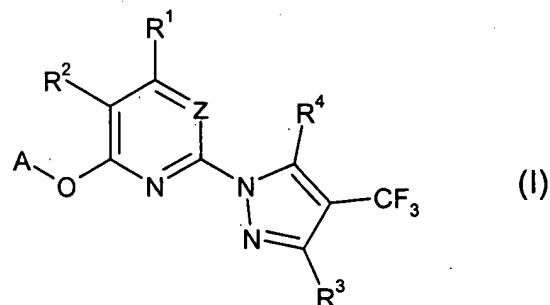
$R^8$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

$R^9$  is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl;

$R^{10}$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

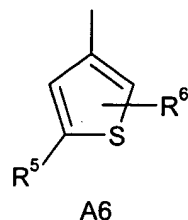
Claim 18 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



$R^1$  is isocyano, OH, COOH,  $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_3\text{-alkyl})$ ,  $\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_4\text{-alkyl})$ , COH,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}(\text{C}_2\text{-alkyl})$ ,  $\text{CO}(\text{C}_3\text{-alkyl})$ ,  $\text{CO}(\text{C}_4\text{-alkyl})$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $(\text{C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_3)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6)\text{-cycloalkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_2)\text{-alkoxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3)\text{-alkoxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ , halogen- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_2)\text{-alkoxy-}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1)\text{-alkoxy-}(\text{C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkenyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkynyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkenyloxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkynyloxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkylthio-}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $\text{S}(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkylsulfonyl-}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl-NH}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{-alkyl-CO-NH}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl-SO}_2\text{NH}$  or di- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkylamino}$ ;

$R^2$  is Br, F, cyano, isocyano, OH,  $\text{COOR}^{10}$ ,  $\text{COR}^{10}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $(\text{C}_3)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_3)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6)\text{-cycloalkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_2)\text{-alkoxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3)\text{-alkoxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ , halogen- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkoxy-}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkenyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkynyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkenyloxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkynyloxy}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkylthio-}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $\text{S}(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkylsulfonyl-}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl-NH}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{-alkyl-CO-NH}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl-SO}_2\text{NH}$  or di- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkylamino}$ ;

$R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$  or halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ ;

$R^5$  is halogen, cyano,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkylthio}$ ,  $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_5)\text{-cycloalkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_5)\text{-cycloalkyl}$ ,  $\text{SF}_5$ ,  $\text{S}(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$ ,  $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkenyl}$  or  $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkynyl}$ ;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ , halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$  or  $\text{S}(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$ ;

$R^8$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkoxy}$ , hydroxy, amino,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkylamino}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{-alkylcarbonylamino}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkylsulfonylamino}$ , di- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkylamino}$  or  $\text{S}(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$ ;

$R^9$  is hydrogen,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$  or halo- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ;

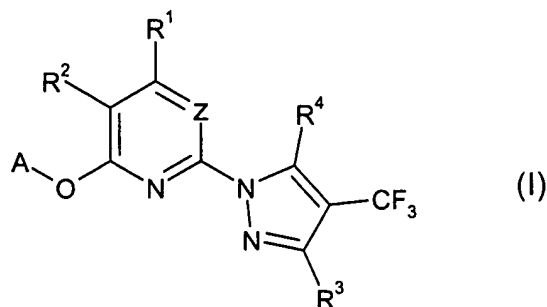
$R^{10}$  is hydrogen or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$ ; and

$n$  is 1 or 2.



Claim 19 (New): A compound of claim 15, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2 = H$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently are each H or  $CH_3$ ,  $R^5$  is F, Cl or cyano and  $R^6$  is H.

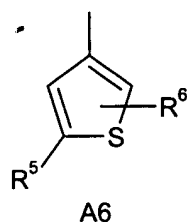
Claim 20 (New): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is  $CR^8$ ;

A is



$R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH,  $COOR^{10}$ ,  $COR^{10}$ ,  $CH_2OH$ ,  $CH_2SH$ ,  $CH_2NH_2$ ,  $NO_2$ , (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyloxy, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyloxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylthio-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl,  $S(O)_nR^9$ , (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkylsulfonyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)-alkyl,  $NH_2$ , (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>NH or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino;

$R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^5$  is halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylthio, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-cycloalkyl,  $SF_5$ ,  $S(O)_nR^9$ , (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkenyl or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkynyl;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy or  $S(O)_nR^9$ ;

$R^8$  is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino or S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>9</sup>;

$R^9$  is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl or halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl;

$R^{10}$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

Claim 21 (New): A compound of claim 20, wherein  $R^8$  is H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Cl or F.

Claim 22 (New): A compound of claim 20, wherein

$R^1$  is H, CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, Cl, Br or F,

$R^2$  is H, CH<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, CN, CHO, vinyl, ethynyl, Cl, Br or F,

$R^3$  is H, CH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,

$R^4$  is H, CH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,

$R^5$  is CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>H, Cl, Br, F, CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> or SCF<sub>3</sub>,

$R^6$  is H, and

$R^8$  is H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Cl or F.